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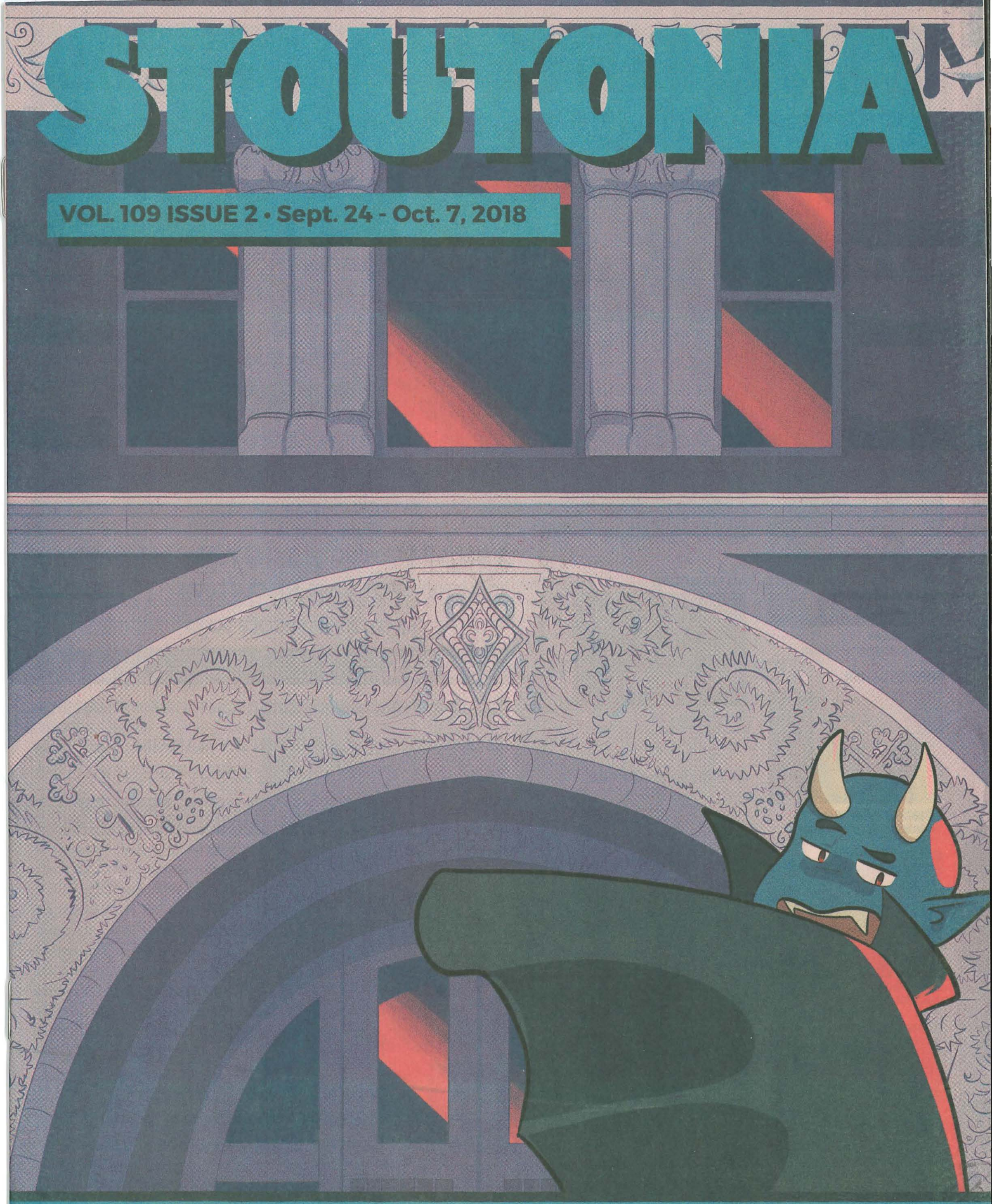

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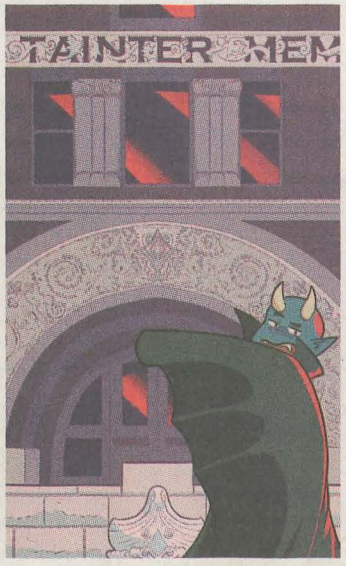
STOUT IN PICTURES

The semester is in full swing now, so late nights like the one pictured above usually entail working on a school assignment or project. At least the students get to walk home to a view like this one because it is inevitable that Wisconsin will soon be shifting to a cold, snowy winter.

COVER BY ADRIAN PERALES

'The Menomonie Theater Guild is always putting on cool shows throughout the year. Several of which, Stout Alums, students and faculty act in.Right now two of Stout's current Professors (Design Professor Erek Evenson and english professor Kevin Drzakowski) Are rehearsing for an upcoming play, Dracula, which will be showing this October. I personally would love to see my educators acting so of course will be getting some tickets.



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CUTIE OF THE WEEK

MIRANDA TORRES/CONTRIBUTED

Mac is a 3 1/2 year old Pembroke Welsh Corgi owned by junior Miranda Torres. He likes to find the most creative ways to cuddle, chase after cats, sprints for 30seconds then naps for 30 minutes, being carried during walks, and watches out for the girls in the house.

Have a cute pet? Send us a photo to our email: stoutonia@uwstout.edu

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Are you satisfied with the parking on campus?

In previous semesters and since the start of the current, many students have expressed dissatisfaction with the location, number of available passes and amount of parking space on campus. If you park on campus, do you feel as though you are able to park your vehicle efficiently and conveniently on a regular basis?

NO

"There is absolutely not enough parking on campus. I had to pay a meter even though I have a commuter pass because I couldn't find a spot anywhere in any of the lots."

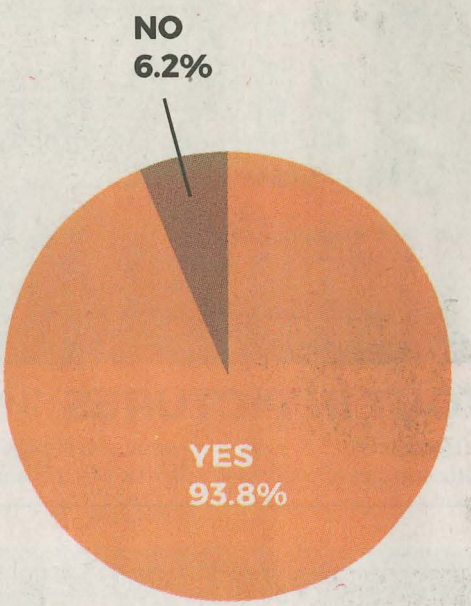
-UW-Stout Student

"I am required to pay for parking when often, personal vehicle travel is part of my job (e.g., when teaching field labs off site), making commuting by bicycle impossible. I'm doubly penalized by a) being forced to drive my own vehicle for work unreimbursed, and b) being required to bu a parking pass so I can park on campus when I need to be on campus before and after labs and am not given enough time between classes to bike home and pick up my vehicle."

-UW-Stout Student

"Took lot 17 away from Y permit holders, so now it's even harder to find s spot near McCalmont. Sometime I get home late, and I don't always feel safe walking the long distances across campus if lot 15 happens to be full and I have to park on the other side of campus."

-UW-Stout Student



The survey lasted for two weeks and was conducted online. It was primarily advertised on Campus Life Today and social media. The results are a product of 20 responses. Of the results 19 students and 1 alumni.

NEXT POLL

Stoutonia's bi-weekly student poll; Read the prompt, then head over to one of our social media sites to vote and give your opinions.

Do you feel well informed on world news?

As you can read about on page 8, many Americans are not well informed about what is happening around the globe. Do you feel like you are bucking this trend? You can access our latest poll on any of our social media pages listed below.

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HOYT FINDS SUCCESS AFTER GRADUATING

KATIE SCHULZETENBERG

Hoyt sits with a helicopter pilot.

SHANNON HOYT/CONTRIBUTED

Hoyt smiles with a kitten.

Hoyt with her co-anchor.

Hoyt works as an anchor for WQOW.

Shannon Hoyt, a Professional Communications and Emerging Media alumna who just graduated last spring, has been truly making the most out of her degree. She is currently a full-time multimedia journalist and weekend anchor at WQOW News 18 in Eau Claire.

"My job includes writing for web and anchor scripts, editing, filming, interviewing, and more. As an anchor, my responsibilities include producing three shows each weekend. The workload is heavy as a multimedia journalist and anchor. But at the end of the day, you get to look at your work and call it completely your own," said Hoyt. Hoyt was the most recent editor-in chief of the Stoutonia, which includes a lot of editing and interviewing as well. "It's funny, because Stout doesn't necessarily have a broadcasting program. However, my program prepared me to work hard and smart. I learned how to be a good journalist. That's all I needed in order to take on any position in my field," she said.

Hoyt started at WQOW as an intern last August. After that, she went back into her last year of college. "Two months later, the company asked me to come back part-time. That doesn't happen for college students. Usually the station doesn't take on very many part-timers. [T]he timing was right, and I was back at it!" said Hoyt.

She began training as a fill-in producer and anchor. "The station wanted me to train because they saw a lot of potential in me as a future anchor, said Hoyt. In May, she became a full-time reporter and less than four months after that, she became the weekend anchor. "As luck would have it, there were some busy days at the station, and so they asked me randomly to anchor and produce News 18's Live at Five show. That was my first time anchoring," she said. Her hard work has paid off because now Hoyt is the official weekend anchor. She will be anchoring for News 18 on Saturdays at 6 and 10 p.m. and Sundays at 10 p.m.

"I've only been at WQOW for 7 months, so in just seven months, not having a broadcasting background, I made it as anchor. I have been so happy and proud to be a part of the WQOW team," said Hoyt. She expressed how she would want to eventually move to a bigger market in the future. However, at the moment she doesn't know for sure. "The funny thing about working in broadcasting is that you really never know where you could end up, but the possibilities are endless!" said Hoyt. ●

PROFESSOR WRITES BOOK ON FRAC SAND MINING

KATIE SCHULZETENBERG

ONLINE/CONTRIBUTED

Professor Thomas Pearson wrote a book on frac sand mining and was featured on WPR twice.

Professor Thomas Pearson, professor of anthropology at University of Wisconsin-Stout, hasn't always been an expert on frac sand mining. It all started as an interest in environmental problems and a topic that literally hit close to home. "When I moved to Menomonie to work at Stout in 2009, I initially didn't know anything about frac sand mining. It was an issue that began to get a lot of media attention. There was a proposed mining operation near Menomonie and initially, I went to some of those meetings out of curiosity and as a concerned citizen. That evolved into a research project," said Pearson.

Frac sand is strong quartz used in the hydraulic fracturing process, giving it the name "frac sand." The actual process of hydraulic fracturing takes place in other parts of the country; however, Wisconsin is well-known for its abundance in this sought-after sand. "Frac sand mining really exploded as a topic several years ago because there is a lot of sand stone in western Wisconsin. As fracking began to boom in 2009 and 2010, so did the demand for frac sand. There was an oil drilling boom in North Dakota as well as out east, which caused drillers to look for this material and mines began to expand rapidly in western Wisconsin.

After getting involved in the community and digging deeper into the issue, Professor Pearson eventually wrote his book "When the Hills are Gone: Frac Sand Mining and the Struggle for Community." His book was published last November and since then, he has been featured on Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) twice. His book "tells the story of grassroots activism," as he calls it. Frac sand mining was a controversial issue in many communities and he wrote about why it was controversial and how communities responded to it and how they came together to oppose frac sand mining.

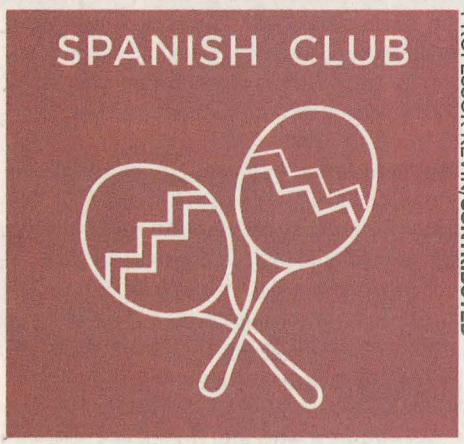
Pearson's concerns about frac sand mining included the effects that it had on a community. "On one hand you have the introduction of an industrial mining. We have a fossil based society and we all benefit from the use of these resources, but any industry has a cost," said Pearson. His main concern was the negative side of frac sand mining. "Mining can be very loud, very dirty, create lots of truck traffic, and most importantly, you are disrupting and degrading the rural landscape and taking down hills. It's this disruption to a community and to a landscape that affects people's quality of life and their desire to live in that place," said Pearson in relation to the negatives of mining. "There are also some environmental health concerns. Air quality, for one. Mining for sand generates microscopic particles of silica dust that when in inhaled and exposed to after long periods of time could be a risk to one's health," he said.

In recent times, fracking around the country declined along with the drop-in oil prices. "The demand for the sand used in the drilling disappeared and therefore the fall of oil prices globally impacted frac sand mining in Wisconsin in dramatic ways," added Pearson.

Although it may not be the same controversial issue here in Wisconsin that it was a few years ago, Pearson continues to educate and inform the general audience on frac sand mining with his book, as well as his various talks. ●

ORG SPOTLIGHT: SPANISH CLUB

KATIE SCHULZETENBERG



PROFESSOR KEVIN/CONTRIBUTED

Many people do not know this, but the University of Wisconsin-Stout has their very own Spanish club here on campus. The club does many activities that celebrate the culture that surrounds Spanish, while also practicing their Spanish skills. "The Spanish Club is a student organization that strives to promote outside-the-classroom usage of the Spanish language on the UW Stout campus via weekly meetings and other fun events. Our goal is to provide a space for students to use their Spanish in a risk-free- environment, learn, and have fun. Whether you are fluent, or the only Spanish word you know is "hola," if you are interested in the Spanish language, you are welcome to join us," said Trevor Kretschmann, president of Spanish Club.

The club welcomes new members in every meeting. Their typical meetings consist of group discussions and group activities, such as a board game or a card game. "We like to play various games, including Loteria, (A Mexican bingo game). We also plan to do a karaoke night, if our members are feeling brave enough, and a food night where we will learn how to make pan de muerto," said Kretschmann. They welcome new chances to try and practice their Spanish as a group. They even have gone to Los Cabos in the past. "We will likely do that, or something similar, again this year. Group outings provide a really fun way to practice Spanish and learn new words," remarked Kretschmann. Currently, they have around 13 members in their club, but they are always looking for new people to join that are enthusiastic about learning Spanish.

Kretschmann also encourages people to go see the Spanish films that are shown every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. in Harvey Hall. "They are shown with English subtitles so you don't have to know a word of Spanish. Also, stop by the Spanish Club meeting, which starts 30 minutes prior. We will be discussing the films as a group and then heading down to the theater together," added Kretschmann. For those interested, Spanish Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. in Harvey Hall room 273.●

STUDENT DEBT RAISES CONCERNS ON CAMPUS

ELIZABETH VIERKANT

ADRIAN PERALES/STOUTONIA

Student debt is at an all time high in the United States. According to the Financial Office, this isn't a major problem on University of Wisconsin-Stout's campus, but debt continues to rise.

According to Bill Kryshack, a professor in UW-Stout's business department, students graduate with an average of $27,000 in debt. As of the 2014-15 school year, the average debt of University of Wisconsin-Stout students was $23,642.

"This is my thirty-third year at Stout. Student debt has risen significantly over the years," Kryshak said. He believes that this is due to many different factors. "In the University of Wisconsin System, one of the major changes that has caused a drastic increase in student debt is the reduction of state support for our system," he said.

In the 1974-75 school year, the State of Wisconsin provided about 79 percent of educational costs. By the 2015-16 school year, this had decreased to 28 percent of funding from the State. The other 72 percent is covered by tuition.

"While our students may borrow $30,000 for their degree, 98 percent of our students secure employment within six months of graduation, and debt is being repaid." Beth Boisen, the director of financial aid, said. In Boisen's opinion, this is money well spent.

According to Boisen, 98 percent of UW-Stout's students get a job within six months of graduation. "Unfortunately, the news somewhat sensationalizes student loan borrowing when they focus on one student who borrowed over $150,000 to get a bachelor's degree," she said. "That is not what typically happens."

In the 2014-15 school year, the number of loan recipients at UW-Stout was 889. The percent of graduates with loan debt was 78 percent.

According to Kryshak, many students are also struggling to work in order to avoid debt. Students are expected to work two to three hours on homework for every hour that they are in class. Students are also expected to have jobs outside of their school work.

"That 20 to 30 hours of work adds stress, limits opportunities for outside school related activities and takes away from the educational experience as there just is not enough time in a day," Kryshak said.

"In 2017, a student would have had to make $32 an hour throughout the summer to afford tuition and other fees."

Since the 1970's, the wages that students earn in their jobs are not increasing at the same rates as tuition.

"It was said that in 1972, you could earn minimum wage working the complete summer and pay for your tuition, fees, and room and board," Kryshak said. According to Kryshak, In 2017, a student would have had to make $32 an hour throughout the summer to afford tuition and other fees.

Students at UW-Stout agree that the increasing student debt is a problem on campus.

Makayla Schrank, a junior in the entertainment design program, is one of these students. "I know that tuition here isn't all that bad. It could be worse, but it's enough that I will push my education to only four years," she said. "By pushing it like that, I've come to realize that I'm not getting all the information that I need to know."

Makayla also voiced her concern that debt will keep students from attending college at all.

Hannah Gilkey, a junior majoring in special education is also concerned about the effects of student debt. "You can have the best grades and apply for scholarships and still not get enough, and financial aid is limited," she said. "I don't think it's realistic yet to get through college without debt, not for a lot of 'average' students."

Much like Kryshak, Gilkey also believes that it is difficult to afford college expenses on a minimum wage.

"My biased opinion is that student loan debt will continue to increase unless the federal and state governments step up to help make education more affordable," Kryshak said.

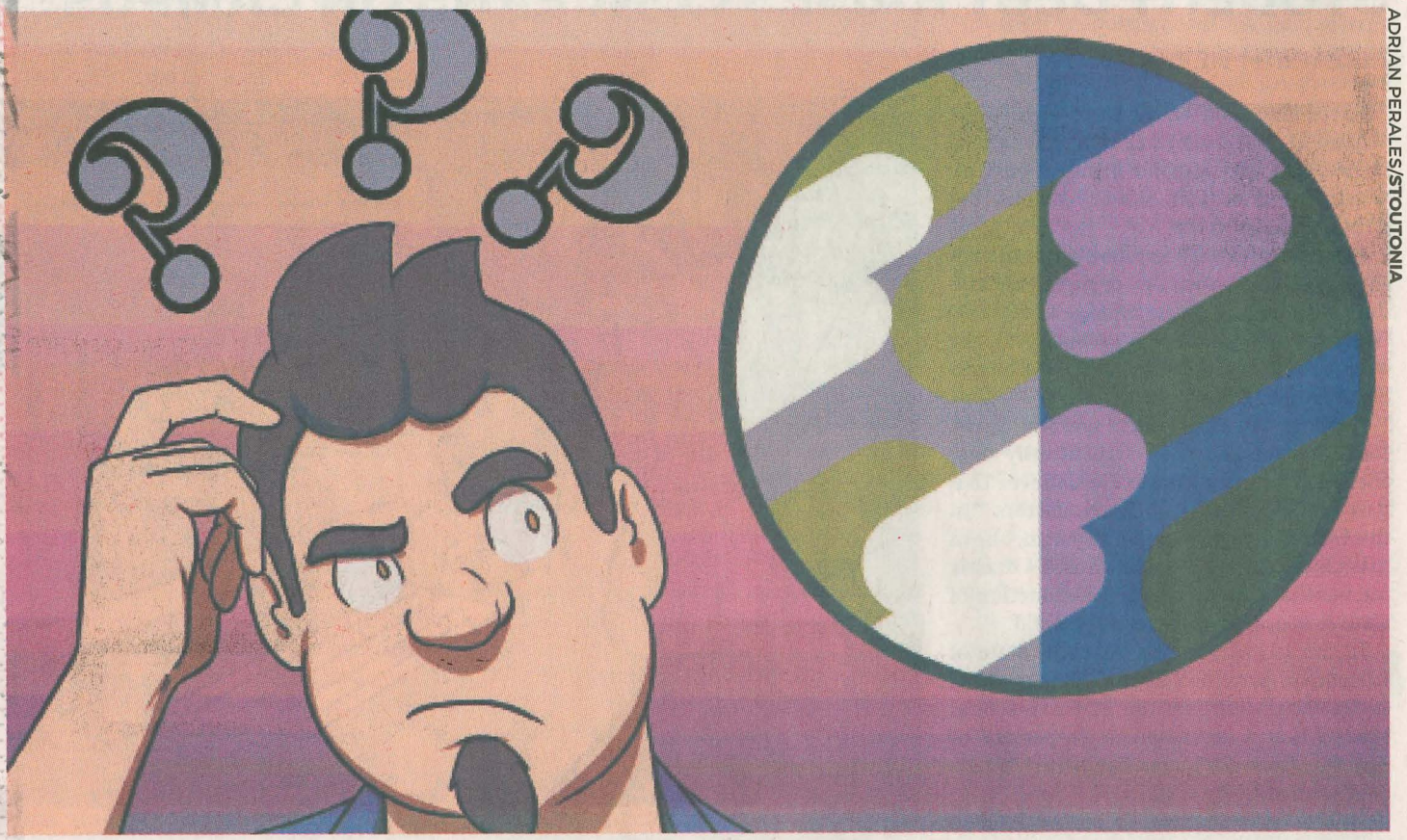
If you or any friends are in need of financial assistance, feel free to contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

"I think it is important that students contact our office with any financial aid related questions," Boisen said. She believes that students should never make assumptions when it comes to college finances.

The Financial Aid Office is located in 210 Bowman Hall. It is open Monday through Friday from 8-4:30 in the afternoon.●

THE NEWS WE DON'T KNOW

ELIZABETH VIERKANT



ADRIAN PERALES/STOUTONIA

In recent years, it has come to the attention of many Americans that they have a lack of knowledge about world news.

"I agree that this is a problem," Maria Alm, Dean of the College of Arts, Communication, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CACHSS) program at UW-Stout, said. "Many of our students are mono-lingual, which means that they do not have direct access to news or information from non-English speaking countries."

According to National Geographic, America's lack of knowledge on world news was first noticed in 2016. Gary Johnson, a presidential candidate at the time, did not know what Aleppo, a large city in Syria, was.

Following this, a 2016 survey in the form of an exam was conducted to test US citizens' knowledge on global affairs. It revealed that most young Americans struggle to understand this concept. The average score was 55 percent.

"I don't know if students know any less or more than the general public," Kevin Anzzolin, assistant professor in the communication studies, global languages, and performing arts program at University of Wisconsin -Stout said. "Rather, I assume that we're all in the same pool, so to speak, whether professors or students, we have all been affected by Facebook algorithms, customized newsfeed, and political views tethered to the punch-drunk pace of social media."

According to Anzzolin's experiences living in Spain and Mexico, he has witnessed many Americans that lack cultural graces and awareness. While these behaviors can be forgiven, he fears that the lack of knowledge could turn into lack of empathy.

When asked why he believes Americans don't know much about world news, Anzzolin said, "Not to be too simplistic, But I think a lot of it has to do with personal political economy. Why travel the world if at Disney World's Epcot Center, you can see Mexico, China, or Sweden all within an afternoon?"

> **"Ignorance of how the rest of the world operates may indeed have a notable effect on everyday Americans."**

Several students at UW-Stout also feel as though they don't know much about news outside of the United States.

"The only thing I ever know about world news is when something really bad happens, like natural disasters." Sophie Quandt, a junior in the special education program said.

"That's all that the news channels report about world news," Lia Spence, a sophomore majoring in applied social science, added to Sophie's statement. "[American news] might do small segments, but there isn't much. They're usually more focused around where they are such as Wisconsin stations focusing on Wisconsin news."

Anzzolin believes that understanding world news could be improved through curiosity. According to him, a non-judgemental outlook will help Americans learn more than they had in the past.

"Ignorance of how the rest of the world operates may indeed have a notable effect on everyday Americans," Anzzolin said. "... [T]he current debates about immigration policy along our southern border do suggest a marked ignorance of other countries, history, and, most generally, our place in the social world. We are currently seeing [these] very real and heartbreaking consequences of this lack of knowledge play out."●

REHAB REOPENING

BRYCE PARR

Rehab will soon open as a dry dance hall.

Rehab, the popular bar on Broadway Street, is reopening soon with a new dance hall license. The tavern has been closed since the Menomonie City Council unanimously voted to refuse the renewal of Rehab's liquor license. The decision was made after police issued 116 citations to rehab patrons, including 45 underage infractions.

With the new dance hall license, the tavern will be able to host live bands and disk jockeys. They will not be able to serve alcohol.

Some students are worried that without alcohol, the business will have a hard time competing with the bars and taverns nearby.

University of Wisconsin-Stout senior Tanner Verber said "It's not a great idea. It'll do well for two months and close down." Verber also believes that alcohol may still be a problem. "All it takes is a flask in the waistband," Verber said.

UW-Stout Senior Erika Hearden, who frequented Rehab before it closed, also has reservations. "I think it sounds cool, but I don't know how many people will choose to go there on weekends if they don't serve alcohol. I think if it catches on, it will be successful," Hearden said.

UW-Stout Chancellor Bob Meyer sent a letter to Mayor Randy Knaack and City Administrator Lowell Prange urging them to refuse the renewal of Rehab's liquor license. Chancellor Meyer admitted in the letter that UW-Stout has a problem with high-risk drinking. "We now have a real chance to move forward from this situation and work together to address the scourge of high-risk alcohol use and its many consequences," Chancellor Meyer said in a blog post after the City Council voted against renewal.

Brandon Berg, UW-Stout senior and member of the DJ group SO CALLED, offered his own criticism. "Rehab was a fun bar, but they didn't have much for local music talent. If they can bring in more local talent like Bands and DJs they might be able to bring more people in the door. A dancehall really thrives from a fun atmosphere and a solid lineup. They can't survive on the classic top 40 hits most other bars play," Berg said.

Rehab hasn't announced any opening dates yet, but more info will be available online soon. ●

City Council refused to renew Rehab's liquor license.

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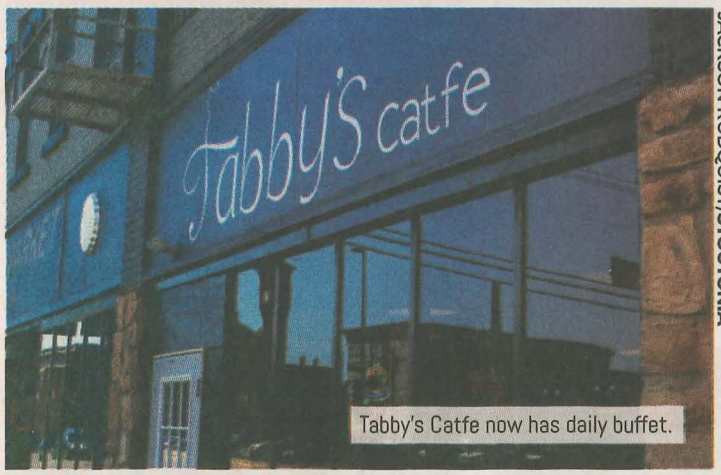
TABBY'S CATFE: THE CALICO GARDEN

GABBY ROHRER



Tabby's Catfe now has daily buffet.

JACKSON RUDQUIST/STOUTONIA

Tabby's Catfe, a cafe that opened on Broadway in June of 2017, has recently opened a new soup and salad buffet called the Calico Garden. On Tuesdays, Tabby's Catfe features a taco bar with rotating meat. On Thursday's from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., they feature a pizza buffet. They are looking to branch out in the next few months to having a hot sandwich theme for Wednesdays as well as a fish fry buffet held on Friday nights.

The buffet opened on Aug. 6 after the Catfe renovated an old tattoo studio next door. "Due to similar health codes, the renovation from a tattoo studio to an extra area for Tabby's wasn't hard to make," Karlyn Davis, one of the owners of Tabby's Catfe, said.

Since the renovation, they have doubled their dining space. "It is a relaxing environment to hang out at after a hard day of classes," said University of Wisconsin-Stout senior Haden Gregor.

Tabby's Catfe also allows individuals to adopt some of the felines. They get their cats from the Dunn County Humane society where they have a deal to foster the cats until they get new homes. "It just takes the right person to meet the right cat," Davis said. The cafe has currently found forever homes for 29 cats. "The owners are so friendly, and they always encourage adoptions. A great place to get your animal fix and grab some good food," said customer Nicole Johnson.

Some cat cafes are structured where you have to pay an hourly rate to see the cats, but Tabby's Catfe asks that you either make a purchase from them, even just a drink, or donate 2 dollars if you just want to visit the cats.

The soup and salad bar is open during normal hours, but closes a half hour before the cafe. The hours of operation are located on their Facebook page. ●

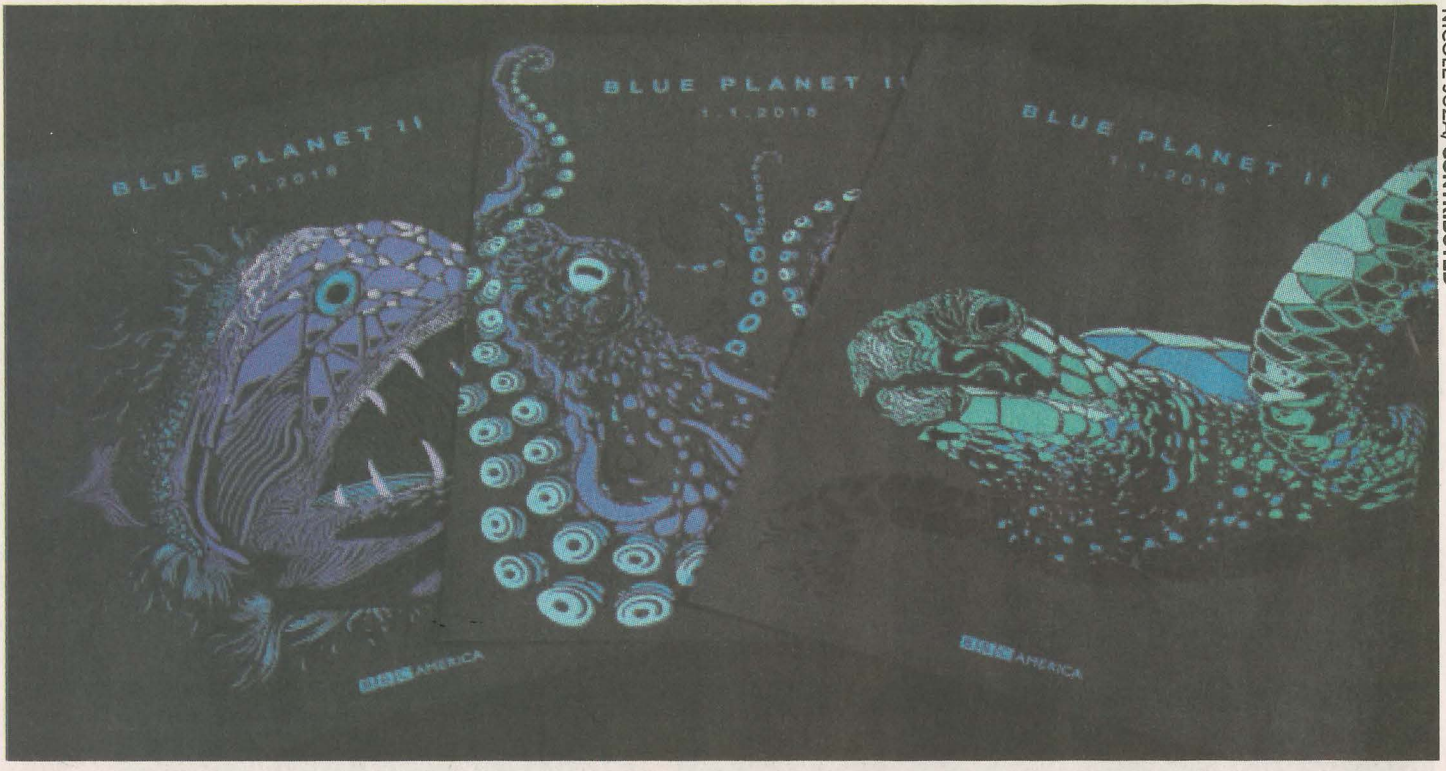
Foley is one of the cats up for adoption.

Since the renovation, the cafe has doubled its dining space.

STUDENT-ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: NICOLE JUZA

BRYCE PARR

Nicole Juza is a senior graphic designer with a double concentration in both design and interactive media and a printmaking minor. Her plan is to graduate in the fall of 2019. •



NICOLE JUZA/ CONTRIBUTED

Have you done any internships or projects outside of academia?

This past summer I had the awesome opportunity to study visual language design in Holland and screen print in the AGA Lab in Amsterdam. Our final project for the class was open but entailed showing what we learned from our experience. I decided to design an iconic typeface based off of concepts in screen printing. Each of the letters are icons of objects which indicate larger concepts that I learned from screen printing both at Stout and in Amsterdam. I screen printed my typeface as a poster series along with two phrases set in the typeface that refer to the dedication to the printmaking process.

What sparked your interest in art?

I can't really say what sparked my interest in art, it's something that I've always been interested in. As far back as I can remember I was always doing art and had a strong passion for making things. It started with drawing when I was very young and then branched out to a wide variety of different media. I went through strong, passionate phases for drawing, painting, sewing, crafting, pottery, fibers, origami, plastics, photography—pretty much anything that I had access to in the moment. When I got into high school and had access to digital and printed media, I realized that I also had a great interest in design and decided it was the major I wanted to study as I went into college.

Are there any projects that stood out to you during your career at Stout?

During the summer of 2017, I did an internship at the Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. My project throughout the Summer was to organize their entire classroom type collection with another intern. So, I spent a lot of my time there looking at and working with a variety of different fonts and type sizes. I also had the opportunity to typeset and print posters with their wood type for their shop. Setting up the presses for printing was a new experience for me because of the way physical pieces of lead (and math) are used to space letters. It was really interesting to learn about the history of where terms like "leading" that I use now in my design practice originated from.

Read the entire interview online

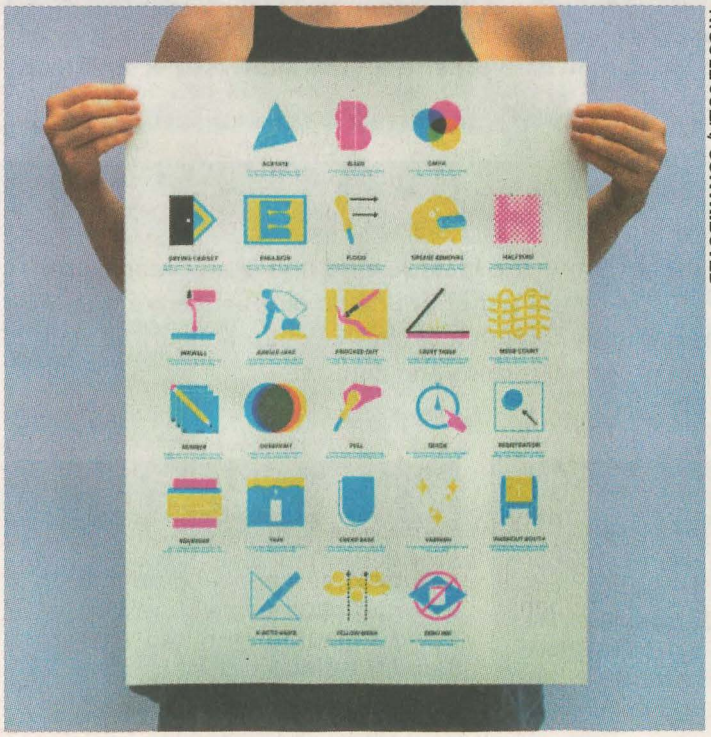
NICOLE JUZA/ CONTRIBUTED

Do you take influence from any artists in particular?

The artists and designers that I am influenced by usually changes based on the mediums that I'm currently working in. I just started an etching class this semester so I'm finding myself looking to the classics like Picasso and Rembrandt for what an etching can become. The amount of precision and level of detail in their line work is fascinating to me and is something I would like to strive for in my own etchings this semester.

What styles or mediums do you prefer?

Since drawing is where my art and design career started, I usually find myself working a style that is very illustrative, and I think this is evident across the different mediums I work in and enjoy. It's difficult to choose my favorites, but I think the mediums that I prefer are those in which I can incorporate my drawing skills and do more with my illustrations. In the Spring of 2018, I was enrolled in a motion graphics class which allowed me to do exactly that. I loved bringing my illustrations to life with motion using components like speed and velocity in harmony with music to create a full experience for my audience. In a similar way, I also find myself very attracted to interactive media. There is something very satisfying to me about figuring out the code working in the background for bringing these experiences to life. Apart from my digital design work, however, I still love studio art which is apparent in my printmaking minor. Screen printing is where my illustrative style comes through the most. However, it's the process that is most enjoyable for me. Screen printing is a different way of thinking because you have to produce your design in layers. Throughout the process, you're stacking layers of color and the full design isn't revealed until the end. It's a very tactile process beginning with coating your screens, taring your paper, mixing your ink, and pulling your prints. Every step of the way there's the potential for something to go wrong. But the more you practice, the more you learn the little tricks and methods for achieving your desired outcome.



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STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: DREW PEARSON

EVAN THUE

This issue's Student-Athlete Spotlight is Drew Pearson a senior and kicker on the University of Wisconsin-Stout Football Team. Pearson is majoring in information and communication technologies and is from Wausau, Wisconsin.●

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Drew Pearson kicking a field goal in a victory over Gustavus Adolvphus College on saturday, September 8. .

What is your plan after college?

My plans for after college are to get a job. Specifically, I would love to continue to play football at the pro level, but if I don't find that opportunity, I would like to find a job somewhere other than the Midwest becoming an technology education teacher.

Why did you choose UW-Stout?

I chose Stout because I believed I was a very hands on person who would succeed in a polytechnic school type. I also took into account the distance away from home as well as the available majors!

What are a few interesting facts about yourself?

Some interesting facts about me include that I have an older sister, Morgan, who has just received her chiropractic degree. I am actually mostly of German heritage though looking like a leprechaun, as well as being a huge fan of Marvel movies and comics.

Who is your favorite pro-athlete and why?

My favorite pro athlete is Steve Smith. Back in 2006 he was unstoppable in Madden so I started watching and observing him in real life. His attitude and determination are unlike anyone I have ever observed. He was sometimes criticized for his rash decisions but they showed me how much he cared for what he was doing and how emotion is such a powerful tool to control and harness.

Outside of school and athletics, what are some of your hobbies?

Outside of school and athletics, I love to hang out with my family and friends, watch the Packers and the Chicago Blackhawks.

UW-STOUT CROSS COUNTRY RANKS 20TH IN THE COUNTRY

ALEX LUTZ

On the heels of their great season last year, the Blue Devil cross-country team is starting out just as strong as they ended last season. In a recent United States Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association(USTFCCCA) coaches' poll, the Blue Devil men's cross-country team found themselves ranked 20th in the country.

Stout senior, Danny Ressler, said, "Coming into the season being ranked nationally is definitely a confidence booster," when asked his thoughts on being ranked so early on in the season. He said, "It also just gives the team more to do because they want to exceed their own expectations."

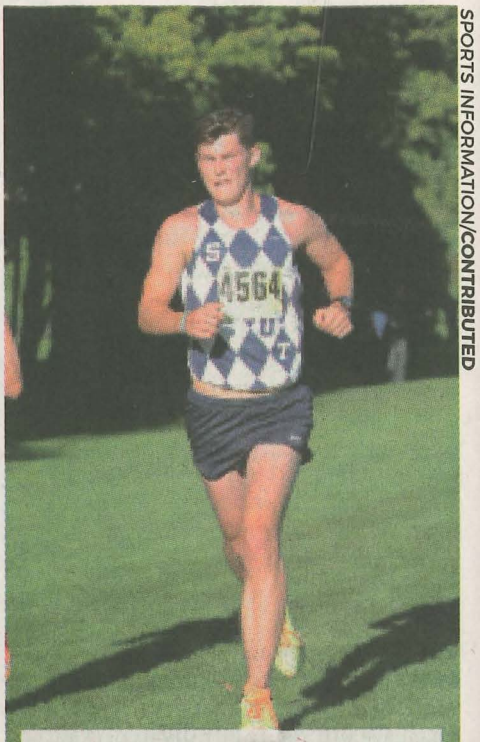
There is an older and younger squad within the cross-country team and a ranking like this has the possibility to get to the younger guy's heads. Danny said," I think the only impact it has on them is that they have something to look up to." Another Stout senior, Matt Lancour, said, "Try not to make it a big deal that we are ranked this early on and the freshmen know that."

The formula for a winning season focuses on how to improve and not pay attention to the rankings. Danny and Matt both said that by the end of the season they would like to finish near or at the top of the conference, make the trip back to nationals and aim for a top ten ranking there. Danny also added that he thinks the team can end up with three All-Americans when the end of the season comes.

There is a new poll set to come out soon that will have the new coaches' rankings after the Michigan State Spartan Invite on Friday, September 14. The Blue Devils finished sixth out of 21 teams that attended the invitational. The highest placing for the Blue Devils in the race was Mike Friedman who is coming back from a 2017 injury. He finished in 32nd place and was only 20 seconds off of his best time for the 8-kilometer run.

The team will have only three more meets before the WIAC Championship on Friday, October 27. This gives them limited time to catch up to other teams if they were to have a bad race. Matt and Danny are both confident that their guys will be ready for every challenge that they face this season, and both want to end up back at nationals.

The Blue Devils next invitational will be on Friday, September 28 at the Whitetail Golf Club. ●



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Senior Dan Ressler Running at a recent Cross Country meet.

A DEEPER DIG INTO THE SPORT OF RUGBY

EVAN THUE

Some might ask what the differences between Football and Rugby are. On the surface they seem to be very similar, but digging deeper in between the sports you'd find that to be quite the contrary.

"The biggest misconception of rugby is how dangerous it is. Rugby is much safer than football because it is much more form oriented especially with tackling than football" said Nick Perez a member of the University of Wisconsin-Stout Men's Rugby Team.

Rugby has a presence on the UW-Stout campus as a mens and women' s club sport. Both teams began their season at the end of the summer.

"The first thing we teach to any newcomer is how to tackle safely and how to be tackled safely. Head and neck injuries are more than twice as common in football than they are in rugby. Having the mentality of being indestructible because you have padding on lets you believe in and perform dangerous plays." said Perez.

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Photo of the Men's Rugby Team taken from their Official Facebook Page.

Of course, there are similarities between the two sports, you very much do a lot of hitting, tackling and running with the ball, and the fact that both sports have two teams working together to get inside an endzone or a goal respectively.

"It really satisfies the urge to push yourself physically" said Alivia Lensing member of the UW-Stout Women's Rugby Team.

Rugby stands out compared to other sports, especially in regards to sportsmanship.

"Once the final whistle blows and everyone shakes hands, everyone gets together for good conversations after the game with no hard feelings. Having that culture around the game really helps you grow as a man or as a woman" said Lensing.

Not only is the sportsmanship very unique, but the overall family feeling of the entire community, if you're a "rugger" on the field you're one off of it.

Whether you are a brand-new rugger or have been on a team for years, the rugby community will always have your back.●

THE 'SCOPES

CAM "DR. FRASIER CRANE" PARRUCCI

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
You'll find true inspiration in life once a year when you finally get motivated enough to write for the 'zine some dude at a coffee shop convinced you to join.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
The stars are aligning for a new motivating figure in your life. The next person you meet named Gorb will be that person.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
You're going to win a mansion in the near future! The only caveat is that it's haunted. And you'll have to legally change your name to Luigi.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Don't feel bad about not being completely moved in your dorm room yet, your mental baggage will never be fully unpacked.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
Your inconsistent retainer wearing is only the beginning of the crippling commitment issues that will plague your entire life!

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
You will ascend to the next plane of reality and perception when you decide to eat a tic tac found under the seat of your friend's '93 Buick Regal.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)
Your understanding of true beauty will be skewed when you wake up transformed into a disgusting and slimy fish-human hybrid.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)
College and post-college plans aside, your dreams will fully be realized when you instead decide to join a traveling professional wrestling gig as "The Great Belly."

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)
The stars advise that you start keeping a diary, not for any monumental reason or anything, just because it's fun!

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)
Stop lying to yourself and your friends. We all cried the first time we listened to Meet Me Halfway by the Black Eyed Peas.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 19)
Your life will take a shocking and wild turn when your significant other leaves you for the drummer of a ska cover band.

Pisces (February 20 - March 20)
Your life will really be put into perspective when you break your elbow trying to skateboard because a girl wearing Vans smiled at you once.

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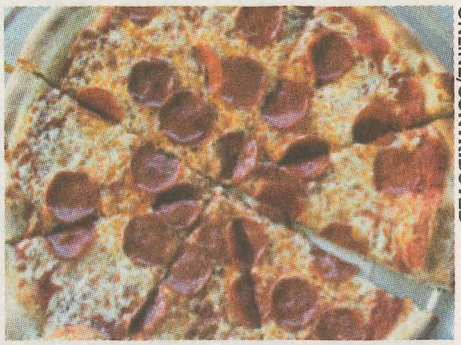

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DORM ROOMMATE BRINGING HOME A PET FISH AWFULLY BOLD MOVE

CAMERON PARRUCCI

In a sudden turn of events, freshman Becky Robinson was shocked with a wild discovery upon entering her dorm room last week. In a wild display of power in their friendship of circumstance, Robinson's roommate had purchased and displayed a small betta fish on one of the dressers in the room. "I'm absolutely dumbfounded that this happened to me. I was never consulted on this matter, and to find a living creature in our already small living space is quite a big change."

The fish, rumored to be named Mr. Macaroni, stands upon the dresser as a trophy of who the alpha roommate is in 314 South Hall. "Mr. Macaroni has really changed our friendship. We don't eat at the commons together as much anymore, and she had the AUDACITY to ask ME to feed her fish while she goes home for the weekend." The changing dynamic between Robinson and her roommate has obviously put a strain on the relationship. Sources indicate it's unclear if they'll ever be as close as they were on move-in day two weeks ago.

After hours of Stoutonia research indicates that housing even allows pet fish in the dorms. The RA never mentioned it, anyway.●

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CALENDAR

SEPT. 24 - OCT. 7, 2018

Thur. 09/27
Open Mic Night
MSC Terrace
Sign up at 7 p.m.
Show at 8 p.m.

Fri. 09/28
Movie: Jurassic World:
Fallen Kingdom
Applied Arts 210
6 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Fri. 09/28
1st Annual Tees 'FORE' Tuition
Golf Scramble Tanglewood
Greens Golf Course
Check ins 1:30 p.m.
Shot gun starts at 2:30

Sat. 9/29
Women's Volleyball vs. UW-
La Crosse
Johnson Fieldhouse
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Thur. Oct 4
Gallery Exhibit:
Miranda Wipperfurth
Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts
6 p.m.

Fri. Oct 5
Comedian: Kevin Bozeman
MSC Great Hall
8 p.m.

STOUT COMICS

BY ADRIAN PERALES

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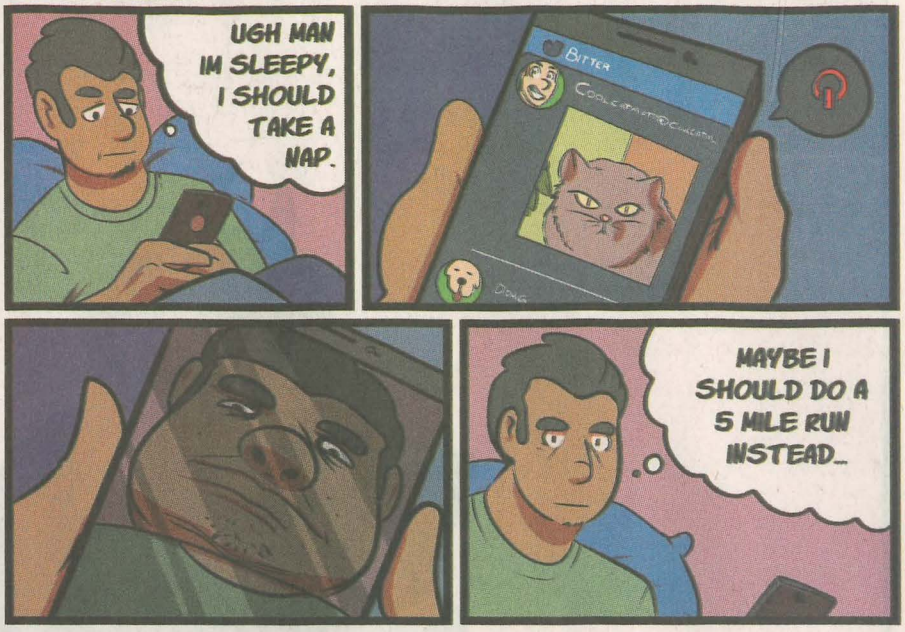

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